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Moſcow, December 22. *O. S.*

ON the 11th Inſtant his Czariſh Majeſty, attended by Admiral Apraxin, and ſeveral of the Nobility, arrived at a Country Seat called Kolomsky, which is about five Engliſh Miles diſtant from this City. Prince Menzikoff came hither on the 14th, and on the 16th the whole Court took up their Lodgings in one of the Suburbs which is ſeparated from the Town by the River Moſcow. His Czariſh Majeſty had appointed to receive the Compliments of all the Foreign Miniſters on the 17th, but a great Fire happening to break out in the Neighbourhood, the Britiſh Envoy was obliged to defer his Viſit 'till the Day following, at which time the Czar received him with great Diſtinction at Prince Menzikoff's Apartment, and was pleaſed to conſer with him ſeveral Hours. Monſieur Juel, the preſent Envoy from the King of Denmark to this Court, together with Monſieur Grand, his Predeceſſor, had an Audience of his Majeſty on the 19th. In the mean time divers Perſons of the firſt Quality, as well Ruſſians as Foreigners, daily addreſſed his Majeſty in a private manner; but it being inconvenient that the Court ſhould ſtay long in a Place where they were ſo very ill accommodated, his Majeſty gave Orders that the Publick Entry ſhould be made on the 21ſt, although the Preparations which were making for that Solemnity were not compleated, and the triumphal Arches, of which they had erected ſeven, were not perfectly finiſhed. The neceſſary Inſtructions being accordingly given, the Proceſſion was performed Yeſterday in the following manner: The Seminowsky Regiment led the way, who were followed by the Cannon, Colours, and Officers that were taken in the Battel againſt General Lewenhaupt; theſe were cloſed by a Company of the Preobraſensky Guards. The Swediſh Remains of the Battels of Pultowa and Perewoloſch marched in the next Place. The Non-Commiſſioned Officers of this Body led the Way, next to them the Enſigns and ſecond Lieutenants, in the third Place came the Lieutenants, and next to them the Captain-Lieutenants, after whom the Captains of both the Foot and Horſe. Theſe were followed by the Officers and other Attendants of the Train of Artillery, who preceded the Ordinance. After which were carried the Kettle-Drums and Colours. Then marched the Majors, Lieutenant-Colonels, Colonels, and General-Adjutants, who were ſucceeded by the King of Sweden's Houſhold and Equipage, together with the Litter and Bed that he uſed in the Day of Battel; after which came the chief Officers, each marching ſingle in this Order; Monſieur Poſſé, Colonel of the Guards, Major-General Hamilton, Major-General Stakenberg, Major-General Roſe, Major-General Cruſs, Major-General Czeitz, Major-General Schlippenbach, General Lewenhaupt, Feld-Marſhal Rheinſchield: The whole being cloſed by Count Piper, the King of Sweden's firſt Miniſter of State. His Czariſh Majeſty mounted on a ſtately Engliſh Horſe, which had been preſented to him by King Auguſtus, with his Sword drawn, which was formerly a Preſent from King Auguſtus to the King of Sweden, followed the Priſoners at the Head of the Preobraſensky Guards, having Prince Menzikoff on his Right, and Prince Dolgornky on his Left. In this Order they made their Proceſſion through the City, and his Majeſty was received at the firſt Triumphal Arch by the Magiſtrates, at the ſecond by Prince Gayarin Governor of the Town, at the third by the Nobility, at the fourth by the principal Merchants, at the fifth by the Clergy, at the ſixth by the Empreſſes Dowager and the Princeſſes of the Blood, and at the laſt by the Burghers. The Foreign Miniſters had ſeparate Houſes allotted them for the Ceremony; and his Majeſty made a ſhort ſtand at the reſpective Places where they ſtood. The Cannon were fired ſeveral times round the Town during the Solemnity, and all poſſible Demonſtrations of Joy were expreſſed on this great Occaſion. The Magnificence of the Triumphal Arches, the inexpreſſible Number of the Spectators, and the Solemnity of the Proceſſion, far ſurpaſſed whatever was yet ſeen in this Part of the World. About eight or nine thouſand common Soldiers that were taken Priſoners, were brought into the Town on the Day preceding, but two hundred and fifty Officers are not yet arrived from Kioff, which may probably occaſion another Proceſſion.

Berlin, February 8. *N. S.* His Majeſty is preſent at the daily Conſultations which are held here, as well to regulate the Military Affairs, as alſo to augment the Finances, and eſtabliſh Funds for defraying the Expences of the War. The Prince of Anhalt Deſſau, who is appointed to Command the Pruſſian Troops the enſuing Campaign, hath ordered his Equipage to be forthwith put in readineſs; and in the mean time he hath taken a Journey to Deſſau. An Equipage is alſo preparing for the Prince Royal, which gives occaſion to a Report, that he deſigns to make another Campaign in Flanders. The Recruits for our Troops are raiſed with ſuch facility, that it is ſaid all the Regiments will be entirely compleated before the 15th of the next Month. The Duke of Wirtemberg's Miniſter is on his Departure for the Court of that Prince, to whom he will carry the Order of the Black Eagle, wherewith he hath been Honoured by his Pruſſian Majeſty. They write from Pruſſia, that Elbing is cloſely beſieged by the Muſcovites, and the Garriſon being reduced to about five hundred Men, it was believed the Swediſh Governor would ſoon be obliged to ſurrender the Place. The Burghers of that Town have hitherto refuſed to admit any Pruſſian Troops into their Garriſon; but it is thought that this Enterprize of the Muſcovites will alter their Reſolutions in that Reſpect. All manner of Commerce having lately been interrupted between the Brandenburgh and Swediſh Pomerania, we hear that the Inhabitants of the latter ſuffer very much for want of Proviſions, which are ſold at an exceſſive rate throughout the whole Diſtrict. That Country is ſo very populous, that the poorer ſort are reduced to an extream Miſery; and unleſs their Wants be ſpeedily relieved, great numbers muſt neceſſarily periſh with Hunger. They write from Warſaw, that Preparations were making in that City for the Reception of King Auguſtus, whoſe Arrival was expected on the 3d Inſtant. We have been already adviſed of his Majeſty's Paſſage over the Oder on the 27th of the laſt Month. Letters from Courland import, that the Muſcovites continued the Blockade of Riga, the greateſt part of which City had been demoliſhed by their Bombs: Notwithſtanding this the Governor perſiſted in his Reſolution to defend it to the laſt Extremity, and had diſpoſed all things for reſiſting the vigorous Efforts of the Muſcovites.

Hague, February 14. *N. S.* The States of Holland were aſſembled on the 12th Inſtant, and this Day ſeparated, with a deſign to meet again next Wedneſday. They have diſpoſed of ſeveral Military Employments belonging to this Province.